WSDOT Highway Construction Strategic Directions

Vision

We envision a highway construction program that delivers quality projects safely and efficiently, minimizes delays to the traveling public and rewards innovation.

Strategic Directions

- Quality
- Efficiency
- Environmental
- Recognition

I. Quality Strategic Direction

Increase the quality and durability of our constructed product.

Strategic Objectives

- Warranties: decrease overhead costs, increase innovation while keeping insurance costs low
- Superpave Implementation: rapidly move to full implementation for all Asphalt Concrete Pavement (ACP)
- Thermal Segregation: eliminate temperature differentials and thermal segregation in our ACP
- Expanding Quality Partnerships with all Suppliers
- Learning from our mistakes (cultural change) e.g. pavement failures task forces
- Pavement Smoothness: supporting Construction's strategic direction
- Implementing research: e.g., SMAs, Tack Coat taskforce, DBR
- Qualified Testers: work to expand need to local programs

II. Efficiency Strategic Direction:

Improve the efficiency of our processes, policies and procedures.

Strategic Objectives

- QA/QC Specifications: expand to aggregates and other areas of opportunity
- Performance Based Specifications: expand usage, replace method specifications
- Materials Risk Analysis: Determining what to test based on risk of failure and probability of failure
- Encourage recycling of materials: remove artificial impediments to recycling
- National testing standards: expand usage of AASHTO and ASTM
- Encourage Innovation

III. Recognition Strategic Direction:

Recognize achievements in Quality, Efficiency and Environmental as a part of the successful delivery of highway construction projects.

Strategic Objectives

- Partnership for excellence in contract administration (AGC-WSDOT)
- Annual Paving Awards (APAW-WSDOT)

IV. Environmental Strategic Direction:

Deliver highway construction projects in compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Strategic Objectives

- Encourage recycling of materials
- Remove artificial barriers that constrain recycling
- Encourage environmentally friendly materials